Decline in Ground water in Delhi

†1620. SHRI JAI PRKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the water supply in the capital city of Delhi is being met through ground water resources;

(b) if so, whether last few years have registered a sharp decline in the level of ground water in Delhi;

(c) if so, the details of allocated and utilized funds to increase level of ground water during the last three years till date; and

(d) the details of the success achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAIPRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) About 15% of the Potable water in Delhi is from ground water.

(b) As per the ground water resource assessment of NCT, Delhi, seven out of nine districts of Delhi are over-exploited and have shown significant decline of more than 20 cm/yr in ground water level. These are—South, South-west, New Delhi, North-west, West, East and North-east districts.

(c) and (d) 'Water' being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments to take steps for recharging the water table in their respective States. No funds have been allocated and utilized byf the CGWB for the purpose during the last three years in Delhi.

As per information received from Delhi Jal Board (DJB), they are implementing a scheme to promote Rain Water Harvesting to help recharge ground water. Under this scheme, financial assistance provided for adopting Rain Water Harvesting during last three year is given below:—

Year	Allocated Funds (In Lacs)	Utilised Funds (In Lacs)
2004-05	22.50	27.15
2005-06	11.25	11.14
2006-07	11.25	5.33 (upto 31.12.2006)

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Since inception of the above scheme in December, 2002, grants have been provided to 163 cases upto 31.12.2006 for Rain Water Harvesting and these are likely to yield about 3 lacks cubic meter of rain water annual for recharging ground water.

Establishment of Regional Office of Central Water Commission

†1621. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States wherein regional office of Central Water Commission has not yet been establishment;

(b) the reasons for non-establishment of regional office of Central Water Commission in these States;

(c) the States out of these which have requested to establish the regional office; and

(d) by when regional office of Central Water Commssion would be established in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The regional office of Central Water Commissions has not been established in the following seventeen States so far:—Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Kerala, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttarakhand.

(b) Central Water Commission does not have any State specific regional office. The regional offices of Central Water Commission basically encompass the major river basins and are not confined to the State boundaries. At present Central Water Commission has thirteen regional offices.

(c) and (d) The State Government of Chhattisgarh had requeasted to establish a regional office of Central Water Commission at Raipur. The request was considered. However, in the present set up, it was not found

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